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Applicant : Manfred Meintker

Appl. No. : 09/665,452

Filed : September 19, 2000

Title : Method and Apparatus for Transferring an Article Between Fluid-Filled  
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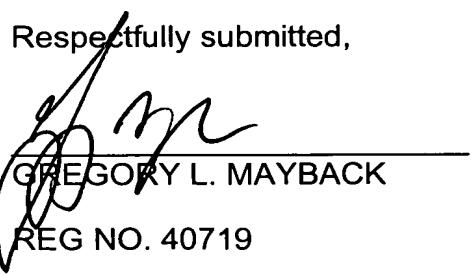
Sir:

The above-mentioned new patent application was filed on September 19, 2000 without a signed oath or declaration, under the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

In accordance with the above-mentioned rule, the signed declaration was forwarded to the Patent Office with a mailing certificate and the surcharge on November 17, 2000.

Counsel has now received a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, dated November 8, 2000. However, as mentioned above, the original signed declaration has already been filed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
  
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